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## **Public Comment Period Begins for Los Medanos Energy Center**

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District has made a preliminary decision to grant a Title IV and Title V permit to the Los Medanos Energy Center, located at 750 East Third Street in Pittsburg. This energy generating facility will use natural gas to produce 500 megawatts of power. This facility began operation in May, in accordance with the Authority to construct issued by the Air District and the Final Determination of Compliance issued by the California Energy Commission. This begins a 30-day public comment period that will end on August 2, 2001. During this time, any member of the public may comment on any aspect of the proposed permit. "We want to encourage members of the public to contact us to obtain a copy of the permit, and other information related to the facility," said Ellen Garvey, the Air District's Executive Officer.

### What is Title V?

Title V is a requirement of the 1990 amendments to the Clean Air Act, which requires all state and local governments to develop and implement operating permits for all major pollution emitting facilities. The EPA oversees these permit programs and the Air District is charged with implementing them in the Bay Area, in accordance with Federal guidelines. Title V is intended to clarify the complex air quality permitting process by consolidating the multitude of federal, state, and local air pollution control regulations into one summary operating permit that covers all aspects of a facility's year-to-year air pollution activities. The Title V operating permit program is implemented under Air District Regulation 2, Rule 6.

Public comment is important to the Title V process. A final decision will incorporate consideration of public comments on the proposal.

Copies of the proposed permit and a copy of Air District regulations are available on the District's website at [www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov). To obtain a hard copy of the permit, call the District's Public Information Office at (415) 749-4900 or make a written request to:

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Att: Title V Permit Request  
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San Francisco, CA 94109

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